

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6 1445 ROSS AVENUE, SUITE 1200 DALLAS TX 75202-2733

FEB 2 7 2015

GENERAL NOTICE LETTER -- URGENT LEGAL MATTER PROMPT REPLY NECESSARY, CERTIFIED MAIL: #7014 0150 0000 2452 7794 RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Vetco Gray Inc. 3010 Briarpark Drive, Suite 300 Houston, Texas 77042

RE:

General Notice Letter for the CES Environmental Services, Inc.- Houston Superfund Site in

Houston, Harris County, Texas

Dear Sir/Madam:

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of your potential liability at the CES Environmental Services, Inc.-Houston Superfund Site (Site) and to invite you to join in settlement negotiations with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The street address for the Site is 4904 Griggs Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas. The street addresses of the contiguous properties that are parts of the Site are 4900 Griggs Road and 5910 Wayland Street. The Site is surrounded by residential, educational and commercial properties. Based on available information, the EPA has determined that you may be responsible under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as the federal "Superfund" law, for cleanup of the Site or costs the EPA has incurred in cleaning up the Site.

Explanation of Potential Liability

A Superfund Site is a place that is contaminated with hazardous substances at levels that may present a threat to human health or the environment. Under Sections 106 and 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9606 and 9607, potentially responsible parties (PRPs) may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health and welfare or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for costs incurred by the EPA in cleaning up the Site. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of the Site, as well as persons who sent or transported hazardous substances to the Site for disposal or treatment or who arranged for the disposal or treatment of hazardous substances at the Site.

Under CERCLA, specifically Sections 106(a) and 107(a), PRPs may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect the public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for costs incurred by the EPA in cleaning up the Site, unless the PRP can show divisibility of harm or any of the statutory defenses. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of a site, as well as persons who arranged for treatment and/or disposal of any hazardous substances found at the site, and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport and selected the site to which the hazardous substances were delivered.

You have been identified as a PRP who either sent hazardous substances for disposal or treatment to the Site or generated certain hazardous substances that the EPA has found at the Site. For this reason the attached General Notice concerning the removal action (Enclosure 1) is being sent to you. The General Notice requests your cooperation in conducting the on-going removal action at the Site and for reimbursement of past and future costs. Enclosure 2 contains copies of the documents used to identify you as a PRP. Enclosure 3 contains a list of the entities who are receiving this General Notice.

Site Background

This Site is a former chemical recycling facility that filed for bankruptcy in 2010. Prior to the bankruptcy, the Site had been owned and operated by CES Environmental Services, Inc. The Site is now under the control of a Trustee for the Estate appointed by the Bankruptcy Court. The Estate does not have the funding necessary to address the conditions at the Site. The Site consists of approximately eleven vacuum boxes, two roll-off boxes, twelve frac tanks, two tanker trailers, 20 aboveground storage tanks, 15 waste water treatment tanks, waste piles, and numerous totes, vats, drums, and smaller containers. Additionally, there was spillage of chemicals to exterior surfaces as well as building interiors. The Site has experienced significant vandalism since its bankruptcy in 2010. Additionally, recent spills have occurred due to vandalism which has resulted in the spillage of chemicals and waste to the ground surface and into an adjacent residential neighborhood. Removal is time critical per the Action Memo.

The information provided by the Estate's consultant shows that there are hazardous wastes along with various hazardous substances within containers located on the Site. The hazardous substances include but are not limited to benzene (D018), creosol (D023-026), 2,4,6-trichlorophenol (D042), pH (D002), ignitability (D001), MEK (D035), and 1,2-dichloroethane (D028). These chemicals are hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(14), and further defined at 40 C.F.R. 302.4.

Response Actions to Date

On or about September 3, 2014, the EPA mobilized its contractors to begin addressing the wastes and spills at the Site. The EPA's Time Critical Removal Action has addressed the following:

- 1. Management of stormwater to reduce off-site overflow of contaminated stormwater from the Site.
- 2. Removal of wastes from ten of twelve vacuum boxes and from two of two roll-off boxes.
- 3. Removal of wastes from eight of twelve frac tanks. Three frac tanks currently hold wastes.
- 4. Removal of liquid, i.e., pump able, wastes from eleven of twenty-three aboveground storage tanks (AST). Sludge and residual materials remain until sludge removal and tank cleaning of ASTs is completed.
- 5. Empty totes/drums have been segregated for temporary storage.
- 6. Waste piles dumped to the ground from the theft of seven roll-off boxes was removed by the Trustee.
- 7. Lab chemicals/company process samples were collected and disposed by the Trustee.
- 8. Process chemicals were collected and disposed by the Trustee.

Upon reviewing the enclosed General Notice, please provide a written response to Mr. Robert Werner, Enforcement Officer at 214-665-6724 within 60 calendar days after you receive this letter. Your response must identify of your intent to, or not to, enter into settlement negotiations with the EPA concerning this matter. Please mail your written response to Mr. Werner at the address that appears in the General Notice.

We look forward to working with you during the coming months.

Sincerely yours,

Carl E. Edlund, P.E.
Director

Superfund Division

Enclosures (4)

ENCLOSURE 1 GENERAL NOTICE REGARDING CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.- HOUSTON HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

This General Notice is from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This General Notice is directed to you, the Potentially Responsible Party (PRP) of the CES Environmental Services, Inc.- Houston Site (Site). This General Notice does five things:

- 1. This General Notice tells you that you may be responsible for the presence of hazardous substances found at the Site. When we say "Site" or "property" in this General Notice, we mean the CES Environmental Services, Inc.- Houston Site. The street address for the Site is 4904 Griggs Road, Houston, Harris County, Texas. The street addresses of the contiguous properties that are parts of the Site are 4900 Griggs Road and 5910 Wayland Street. This General Notice is issued under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund).
- 2. This General Notice provides you with background information leading up to the EPA's investigation of the Site and the EPA's activities to determine the source(s) of the contamination at the Site.
- 3. This General Notice invites you to meet and enter a settlement with the EPA as a Settling Party regarding the cleanup of this Site and cooperation in conducting the on-going removal action at the Site and for reimbursement of past and future costs.
- 4. This General Notice advises you that, if you request the EPA to do so, the EPA will consider your ability to pay in determining an appropriate settlement amount.
- 5. This General Notice provides to you the names of all entities, i.e., PRPs, to which this General Notice will be mailed.

NOTICE THAT YOU MAY BE LIABLE

Under Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, responsible parties are those who are current owners or operators of a facility, past owners or operators who owned or operated the facility at the time hazardous substances were released or disposed of at the facility, persons who arranged for disposal or treatment at the facility (usually the person(s) who generated the hazardous substance) or persons who selected that facility and transported the hazardous substances to the facility. Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9607, states that responsible parties are liable to the United States for the costs it has incurred or will incur conducting a response action such as that proposed for the Site. A PRP is therefore responsible for performing the cleanup action in accordance with the EPA requirements, paying for the cleanup by the EPA and reimbursing the Federal Government for past and future costs of the cleanup activities.

BACKGROUND

This Site is a former chemical recycling facility that filed for bankruptcy in 2010. Prior to the bankruptcy, the Site had been owned and operated by CES Environmental Services, Inc. The Site is now under the control of a Trustee for the Estate appointed by the Bankruptcy Court. The Estate does not have the funding necessary to address the conditions at the Site. The Site consists of approximately eleven vacuum boxes, two roll-off boxes, twelve frac tanks, two tanker trailers, twenty aboveground storage tanks, fifteen waste water treatment tanks, waste piles, and numerous totes, vats, drums, and smaller containers. Additionally, there is spillage of

chemicals to exterior surfaces as well as building interiors. The Site has experienced significant vandalism since its bankruptcy in 2010. Additionally, recent spills have occurred due to vandalism which has resulted in the spillage of chemicals and waste to the ground surface and into an adjacent residential neighborhood. Emergency responses to these spills have involved the Estate, City of Houston, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the EPA. These spill responses were addressed by TCEQ and the EPA.

The information provided by the Estate's consultant shows that there are hazardous wastes along with various hazardous substances within containers located on the Site. The hazardous substances include but are not limited to Benzene (D018), Creosol (D023-026), 2,4,6-Trichlorophenol (D042), pH (D002), Ignitability (D001), MEK (D035), and 1,2-Dichloroethane (D028). These chemicals are hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601(14), and further defined at 40 C.F.R. 302.4.

Response Actions to Date

On or about September 3, 2014, the EPA mobilized its contractors to begin addressing the wastes and spills at the Site. As of December 19, 2014, the EPA Team has addressed the following:

- 1. Management of stormwater to reduce off-site overflow of contaminated stormwater from the Site.
- 2. Removal of wastes from ten of twelve vacuum boxes and from two of two roll-off boxes.
- 3. Removal of wastes from eight of twelve frac tanks. Three frac tanks currently hold wastes.
- 4. Removal of liquid, i.e., pump able, wastes from eleven of twenty-three aboveground storage tanks (AST). Sludge and residual materials remain until sludge removal and tank cleaning of ASTs is completed.
- 5. Empty totes/drums have been segregated for temporary storage.
- 6. Waste piles dumped to the ground from the theft of seven roll-off boxes was removed by the Trustee.
- 7. Lab chemicals/company process samples were collected and disposed by the Trustee.
- 8. Process chemicals were collected and disposed by the Trustee.

PARTICIPATION

The EPA is inviting you to enter into a settlement with the EPA. In addition to avoiding the costs of litigation, settling with the EPA provides you with another advantage. Under the Superfund law, settling with the EPA helps protect you should another responsible party sue you for costs which that party pays to the EPA. Also, if you choose not to settle with the EPA, then the EPA may take civil administrative action and, ultimately, the EPA may request civil judicial action. A list of entities receiving this General Notice letter is included as Enclosure 3 to this letter.

OPPORTUNITY TO MEET

The EPA will also provide you the opportunity to meet with the EPA representatives to discuss your desire to enter into a settlement with the EPA.

FINANCIAL CONCERNS/ABILITY TO PAY SETTLEMENTS

The EPA is aware the financial ability of some PRPs to contribute toward the cleanup and/or payment of response costs at a site may be substantially limited. If you believe and can document that you fall within that category, please contact Mr. Robert Werner at 214-665-6724 for information on "Ability to Pay Settlements." In response, you will receive a package of information about the potential for such settlements. If the EPA concludes that you have a legitimate inability to pay the full amount of the EPA's costs, the EPA may offer a schedule for payment over time or a reduction in the total amount demanded from you.

Also, please note that because the EPA has a potential claim against you, if your financial status changes in any significant way, i.e., filing for bankruptcy, you must include the EPA as a creditor.

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

On January 11, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Superfund Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. This Act contains several exemptions and defenses to CERCLA liability, which we suggest that all parties evaluate. You may obtain a copy of the law via the Internet at:

http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/sblrbra.htm

and review the EPA guidance regarding these exemptions at:

http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/cleanup/superfund

The EPA has created a number of helpful resources for small businesses. The EPA has established the National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse as well as Compliance Assistance Centers, which offer various forms of resources to small businesses. You may inquire about these resources at www.epa.gov.

In addition, the EPA Small Business Ombudsman may be contacted at www.epa.gov/sbo. Finally, the EPA developed a fact sheet about the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA), which is enclosed with this letter (Enclosure 4).

YOUR RESPONSE TO EPA

Please notify Mr. Werner in writing at the address indicated below within 60 calendar days after you receive this letter to indicate your willingness to enter in good faith as a Settling Party. If the EPA does not receive your written response within 60 calendar days after you receive this letter, the EPA will assume you do not wish be a Settling Party and the EPA will then take whatever actions are necessary to abate the potential threat to human health and the environment posed by contaminants on the property.

Your response to this letter should be directed to:

Mr. Robert Werner Enforcement Officer (6SF-TE) United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 1445 Ross Avenue Dallas, Texas 75202 Telephone: 214-665-6724, Fax: 214-665-6660

werner.robert@epa.gov

If you or your attorney have legal questions pertaining to this matter, please direct them to:

Ms. Amy Salinas
Assistant Regional Counsel (6RC-S)
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 6
1445 Ross Avenue
Dallas, Texas 75202
Telephone: 214-665-8063, Fax: 214-665-6460

salinas.amy@epa.gov

The discussions of fact or law in this General Notice are meant to help you understand CERCLA and the EPA's actions at the Site. The discussions of fact and law are not final positions on any matter discussed in this General Notice.

ENCLOSURE 2 GENERAL NOTICE REGARDING CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.- HOUSTON HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

EVIDENTIARY DOCUMENTATION

SAMPLES OF EVIDENCE

Enclosed are copies of samples of documented evidence that identifies the name of your company. The examples are not intended to represent all the evidence in CES records. It is only a representative sample that identifies:

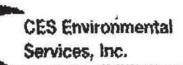
- 1. A waste hazardous substance that was generated by your company and was transported to the Site for disposal and/or recycling, or
- 2. A waste hazardous substance that was generated by your company and that was transported in a CES tanker trailer to a facility other than the Site for disposal and/or recycling. The EPA believes that residue of the waste hazardous substance that had been transported in the CES tanker trailer was released at the Site when the interior of the CES tanker trailer was cleaned at the Site.

CES Environmental



Bill Of Lading #:

Folder ID :		Gray (Veto Water (edo s		Roseyin)		and the same of th
Original –				orm Straight Bill of Lading - Not No	gotiable – Domest	ic
SHIPPED	FRON	1:		CES#		
Vetco Gra				11a) 143	2	
12221 N.		n Rossh	VII	11b)		
Houston .				11c)		
(281) 847				11c)		
said carrier (the carry to its unusa goods; it is not of any time interest between shipper or payment. Cite	word carrier and place of of itself a conti- and carrier of and carrier of "Billed to" pa	being understoo elivery at said ract of carriage, ny of said propor intermediary. Illed to Shipper any without prio	od throughou destination, . It is mutual enty, that eve or the "Bille ir written con	cept as noted (content and condition of packages unknow it this as meaning any person or corporation authorized to for its route, otherwise to deliver to another carrier on it by agreed, as to each carrier of all or as to any said over my service to be performed hereunder shall be subject to d to" party are set forth in the governing contract with 8hi sent of 8hipper. The ertra copy of this 8hi of Lading, fur	be in possession of the prope e route to said destination. This all or any portion of said route all the terms and conditions co pper. No charges other than the	rby junder the contract) agrees to a Bill of Lading its a receipt for to destination, and as to each party orizated in the applicable contract ose contained therein may be bille
CONSIGN			FRE SETE TO:	CARRIER :		
CES Envi		10 pt 0007	ces In		mental Services,	Inc
1904 Grig		Oct 11	, 111	4904 Griggs		
Houston .		12f		W Houston , TX	2	
orth on the face o		Total	Unit	Highway Administration regulations at 49 CFR 390.540 rein is the tendering party. Description of Materials, Sp	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	
No.	case: All Info f this bill of li lastger Type	Total Quantity	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions
No.	sale: All Info f this bill of i	Total	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	ptions
No.	case: All Info f this bill of li lastger Type	Total Quantity	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions
No.	case: All Info f this bill of li lastger Type	Total Quantity	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions
No.	case: All Info f this bill of li lastger Type	Total Quantity	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions
No. 1	cate: All Info f this bill of li latger Type TT	Total Quantity	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions
No.	cate: All Info f this bill of li latger Type TT	Total Quantity	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions
hipper:	Vetco	Total Quantity 5,5 a D Gray	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp Recyclable hydrod	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions A) 1 C 9 3
hipper:	Vetco	Total Quantity 5,500 Gray	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp Recyclable hydrod Signature : X (Milesto &	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions ture 107 093
Shipper:	Vetco	Total Quantity 5,500 Gray Ironmen	Unit Wt/Vol	Signature: X Alliesto Solvices, Inc.	ecial Marks, and Exce	ptions ture 107 093
hipper:	Vetco	Total Quantity 5,500 Gray Ironmen	Unit Wt/Vol	Description of Materials, Sp Recyclable hydrod Signature: X Musto So vices, Inc. Signature:	Da	ptions ture 107 093



Bill Of Lading #:

57267

_					
=	-	14	-	ID	
	u	ш	स	ш	٠.

Vetco Gray (Vetco Gray N. Rossyln)

Olly Water (w/o antifreeze)

						and the second second second		
A-:	Ch:	Danielad	Chart Fa		4 D:U -F1 -	diam NI-4 NI		Damastia
Undinal -	Shipper	Provided	Short Fo	rm Straidt	IL BIII OI La	dina – Not N	edottable -	– Domestic

 SHIPPED FROM:
 CES#

 Vetco Gray
 11a) 1432

 12221 N. Houston Rosslyn
 11b)

 Houston , TX 77086
 11c)

 (281) 847-4644
 11c)

The property described below, in apparent good order, except as noted (content and condition of packages unknown), marked, consigned, and destined as indicated below, which said carrier (the word carrier being understood throughout this as meaning any person or corporation authorized to be in possession of the property under the contract) agrees to carry to its unusual place of delivery at said destination, if on its route, otherwise to deliver to another carrier on the route to said destination. This Bill of Lading is a receipt for goods; it is not of itself a contract of carriage, it is mutually agreed, as to each carrier of all or as to any said over all or any portion of said route to destination, and as to each party at any time Interested in all or any of said property, that every service to be performed hereunder shall be subject to all the terms and conditions contained in the applicable contract between shipper and carrier or intermediary.

For payment: Charges to be billed to Shipper or the "Billed to" party are set forth in the governing contract with Shipper. No charges other than those contained therein may be billed to Shipper or the "Billed to" party without prior written consent of Shipper. The extra copy of this Bill of Lading, furnished at the time of shipment, must be attached to the freight bill submitted to Shipper or the "Billed to" party and sent to:

CONSIGNED TO:

CES Environmental Services, Inc.

4904 Griggs Rd.

Houston, TX 77021

CARRIER:

CES Environmental Services, Inc.

4904 Griggs Rd.

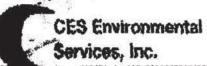
Houston, TX 77021

This is to certify that the product stated below are properly classified, described, packaged, marked and labeled and is in proper condition for transportation according to the applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation, if this Shipment moves between to ports by a carrier by water, the law requires that the Bill of Lading shall state whether it is "carrier's or shipper's weight."

Intermodal Certificate: All Information required by Federal Highway Administration regulations at 49 CFR 390.54© implementing the Intermodal 8afe Container Act of 1992 is set forth on the face of this bill of lading. The shipper name herein is the tendering party.

Haz	Conf	ainer	Total	Unit	Description of Materials, Special Marks, ar	nd Exceptions
	No.	Туре	Quantity	₩t/Vol		
No -	1	ТТ	5,500) G ——	Recyclable hydrocarbon and wa	ater mixture
			-			
					8	
Ship	por:	Vetco	Gray			
1-7/1		lber	AT - 12-17-17-17	20	Signature: x alluto long	Date x 1-24-08
Carr	ier C	ES Em	vironmer	ital Serv	rices, Inc.	
Per	:Ox	non's	5md	2_	Signature: Damber	Date : 1/24/08
Rece	eiving	Facili	ty CES	Environ	mental Services, Inc.	
Per	:_(e	od	eri	7	Signature :	Date: 01-14-08
White	(Genera	tor Return	Сору)	ellow (Transporter Copy) Pink (Receiving Facility Copy)	Golden Rod (Generator 1st Copy)

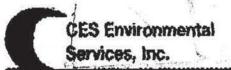
TRL# 252



Bill Of Lading #:

53205

Service	95, Inc.	******	
	o Gray (Valor Water (ex/o a		l oeeyin)
Original – Shipper	Provided	Short Fo	rm Straight Bill of Lading – Not Negotiable – Domestic
HIPPED FROM	A:		CES#
etco Gray			11a) 1432
2221 N. Houst	OR ROSSIV	m. ~	116)
louston , TX 77			11c)
281) 847-4644	r:	191	11c)
aid carrier (the word carrier arry to its unusual place of bods, it is not of itself a cont my time interested inual or a coween shipper and carrier	being understoodelivery at said of tract of carriage. any of said prope or intermediary.	ed throughout to destination, if of it is multiusity any, that every	apt as noted (content and condition of packages unknown), marked, consigned, and destined as indicated below, which the as meaning any person or corporation authorized to be in possession of the property under the contract) agrees to on its route, otherwise to delive; so another carrier on the route to said destination. This Bill of Lading is a receipt for agreed, as to each carrier of all or as to any said over all or any portion of said route to destination, and as to each part service to be performed hereunder shall be subject to all the terms and conditions contained in the applicable contract to sainly are set forth in the governing contract with 8 hipper. No charges other than those contained therein may be bill
Shipper or the "Billed to" b bruffled to Shipper or the "f	orly without prior	r written conse	ent of Brippier. The extra copy of this Billi of Lading, furnished at the time of shipment, must be attached to the freight bil
ONSIGNED TO		7:0	OF A CARRIER:
ES Environmen	ntal Servi	cesting	CES Environmental Services, Inc.
904 Griggs Rd.		_	4904 Grades Rd
ouston, TX 77	021	410	OAm Houston , TX 77021
No. Type	Quantity	WtVoi	
• 1 тт	5,000	G 	Recyclable hydrocarbon and water mixture
57_	ð		
nipper : Vetce	Grav	D	Low
er: Alberto	(Jr/1		Signature: Allieste Seg Date: 11-19-07
errier CES En	vironmen	tal Servi	ices, Inc.
er: William	000		Signature: W: Date: 11 19 07
ceiving Facili	ty CES	Environ	mental Services, Inc.
er: Oppo	le 10	7	Signature : Date : 11- 19- 3
. 1		10 00	



Bill Of Lading #:

- John Charles of the Control of

49241

Folder	Id-	
	1	

Veloe Gray (Veloe Gray N. Rossyln) Olly Water (w/o antifreeze)

Original – Shipper Provided Short Form Straight Bill of Lading – Not Negotiable – Domestic	Original -	Shipper Provid	ed Short Form	Straight Bill	of Lading - N	Not Negotiable – Domestic
--	------------	----------------	---------------	---------------	---------------	---------------------------

SHIPPED FROM:	CES#
Vetco Gray	11a) 1432
12221 N. Houston Rosslyn	116)
Houston, TX 7/086	# 11c)
(281) 847-4644	110)

The property described below, in apparent good order, or cept as noted (content and condition of packages unknown), marked, consigned, and destined as indicated below, which said carrier (the word carrier being understood throughout this as recently agrees to carry to its unusual place of delivery at said destination, if on its route, otherwise to delive to another carrier on the route to said destination. This Bill of Lading is a receipt for goods, it is not of itself a contract of carriags. It is mutually agreed, as to each carrier of all or as to any said over all or any portion of said route to destination, and as to each party at any time interested in all or any of said-property, that every service to be performed hereunder shall be subject to all the terms and conditions contained in the applicable contract between shipper and carrier or intermediary.

For payment: Charges to be billed to Shipper or the "Billed to" party are set forth in the governing contract with Shipper. No charges other than those contained therein may be billed to Shipper or the "Billed to" party without prior written consent of Shipper. The extra copy of this Bill of Lading, furnished at the time of shippering, must be attached to the freight bill submitted to Shipper or the "Billed to" party and sent to:

CONSIGNED TO:

CES Environmental Services, Inc.

4904 Griggs Rd.

Houston, TX 77021

CARRIER:

CES Environmental Services, Inc.

4904 Griggs Rd.

Houston, TX 77021

This is to certify that the product stated below are properly classified, described, peckaged, marked and labeled and is in proper condition for transportation according to the applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation. If this Shipment moves between to ports by a carrier by water, the law requires that the Bill of Lading shall state whether it is "carrier's or shipper's weight."

intermodal Certificate: All Information required by Federal Highway Administration regulations at 49 CFR 390.54© implementing the intermodal 8afe Container Act of 1992 is set forth on the face of this bill of lading. The shipper name herein is the tendering party.

Haz	Cont	akner	Total	Unit	Description of Materials, Special Marks, and Exceptions
	No.	Туре	Quantity	WtVol	
No -	1	TT	5000	9 G	Recyclable hydrocarbon and water mixture
		•			
Chin	nor ·	Vetco (Grav		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

Per: JOSE A. CAVAZOS

Signature :

Mose S. Cavazos

Date: 09-17-07

Carrier CES Environmental Services, Inc.

Per: Sebastien M. Crinsignature:

Date: 9/17/07

Receiving Facility CES Environmental Services, Inc.

Per: (20 de 107

Signature:

Date: 39/17/5

White (Generator Return Copy)

Yellow (Transporter Copy)

Pink (Receiving Facility Copy)

Golden Rod (Generator 1st Copy)

CES Environmental Services, Inc.

Bill Of Lading #:

46145

Folder ID :	Valce Gray (Valco Gray N. Reseyl Otty Water (are antitreezs)	n)	
Original – S	Shipper Provided Short Form S	traight Bill of Lading - Not Negotiable - D	Domestic
SHIPPED	FROM:	CES#	
Vetco Gra	ay	11a) 1432	2.13
12221 N.	Houston Rosslyn	11b)	
Houston,	TX 77086	11c)	A. A.

The property described below, in apparent good order, except as noted (content and condition of packages unknown), marked, consigned, and destined as indicated below, which said carrier the word carrier being understood throughout this as meaning any person or corporation authorized to be in possession of the property under the contract) agrees to carry to its unusual prace of delivery at said destination, if on its route, otherwise to deliver to another carrier on the route to said destination. This bill of Lading is a receipt for goods, it is not of itself a contract of carriage it is mutually agreed, as to each carrier of all or as to any portion of said route to destination, and as to each party any time interested in ait or any of said property, that every service to be performed hereunder shall be subject to all the terms and conditions contained in the applicable contract between shipper and carrier or intermediary.

For payment: Charges to be billed to Shipper or the "Billed to" party are set forth in the governing contract with Shipper. No charges other than those contained therein may be billed to Shipper or the "Billed to" party without prior written consent of Shipper. The extra copy of this Bill of Lading, furnished at the time of shipperent, must be attached to the freight bill submitted to Shipper or the "Billed to" party and sent to:

CONSIGNED TO:

CARRIER:

11c)

CES Environmental Services, Inc.

CES Environmental Services, Inc.

4904 Griggs Rd.

4904 Griggs Rd.

Houston, TX 77021

Houston, TX 77021

This is to certify that the product stated below are properly classified, described, packaged, marked and labeled and is in proper condition for transportation according to the applicable regulations of the Department of Transportation. If this Shipment moves between to ports by a carrier by water, the law requires that the Bill of Lading shall state whether it is "carrier's or shipper's weight."

Intermodal Certificate: All Information required by Federal Highway Administration regulations at 49 CFR 390.54© implementing the intermodal Safe Container Act of 1992 is set forth on the face of this bill of lading. The shipper name herein is the tendering party.

Haz	Con	tatner	Total	Unit	Description of Materials, Special Marks, a	and Exceptions
	No.	Туре	Quantity	WtVol		
No	1	TT	5,200	G	Recyclable hydrocarbon and w	vater mixture
		- 				
		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1				
Ship	per:	Vetco	Gray -	V		
Per	: A16	erto	Garza		Signature : Glicto Sogr	Date: 8/01/07
					vices, Inc.	
Per	: B	y dde	Rodalg	8	Signature :	Date: 8-01-07
		Facili			nmental Services, Inc.	
Per	AN	77/01/2	/ < (TA'A	Signature :	Date : 8 / 01/07
White	e (Genera	ntor Return	Copy)	Yellow	(Transporter Copy) Pink (Receiving Facility Copy)	Golden Rod (Generator 1st Copy)

TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY P.O. Box 13087

Austin, Texas 78711-3087



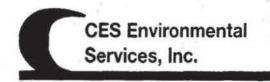
Please print or type. (Form designed for use on elite (12-pitch) typewriter.)

Form approved, OMB No. 2050-0039.

WASTE MANIFEST	ument No.	2. Pa of	1 is no	require	the shaded area d by Federal lav
Generator's Name and Mailing Address ABB Vetco (Bryan, TX)		A. Sta	ate Manifest Do	A HONOR DESIGNATION OF THE PARTY OF THE PART	
2870 N. Harvey Mitchell Picwy Suite 800 Bryan TX, 77807		B. Sta	332 ate Generator's	405	
4. Generator's Phone ((281))744-0567				85733	
5. Transporter 1 Company Name 6. US EPA ID Numb CES Environmental Services, Inc			ate Transporter		0800
7. Transporter 2 Company Name 8. US EPA ID Numb		E. Sta	ansporter's Pho ate Transporter	s ID	878-1480
** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	# 30 OF	A PARTY OF THE PARTY	ansporter's Pho		
Designated Facility Name and Site Address 10. US EPA ID Numb Liquid Environmental Solutions	oer	G. St	ate Facility's ID	H22	34
250 Geithorn Houston TX, 77013 N/A		H. Fa	cility's Phone	713) 67	3-2995
11A. HM 11. US DOT Description (including Proper Shipping Name, Hazard Class, ID Number and Packing Group)	12. Conta	iners Type	13. Total Quantity	14. Unit Wt/Vol	I. Waste No.
a. Non-RCRA Waste Solids	12	DM	660	G	00100061
b.					
				1	
c.				\Box	
		1 . 1	29 29 39 59 5		
d.					
2		1			
LES #194914 CES Job # - 2035				H135	
AN STREET BY THE PROPERTY OF T					
				etino ama a	
15. Special Handling Instructions and Additional Information					
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329					
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 828-1329	and accurat	alu dana	ribad abaya bu a	oner shier	sing name and are
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-13					
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 828-1329 CONTROL KS 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully	for transport	by high	way according to	applicable	international and
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 Generator's Certification: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min	e international and ave determined to imizes the present
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 Generator's Certification: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I he select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford.	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	e international and lave determined to imizes the present ste generation and
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I h select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name Signature Signature	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	e international and ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I he select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford.	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	e international and lave determined to imizes the present ste generation and
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I he select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name For ARB Signature	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and Month Day Yeal
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I have select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name 17. Transporter 1 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Signature Signature Signature Signature Signature	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and Month Day Ye. Date Month Day Ye. Date Month Day Ye.
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 2 0 1 0 1 5 5 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume as be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I have select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name 17. Transporter 1 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Signature 18. Transporter 2 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and Month Day Ye. Date Date
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I have select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name 17. Transporter 1 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Signature Signature Signature Signature Signature	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and Month Day Ye. Date Month Day Ye. Date Month Day Ye. Date
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 2 0 1 0 1 5 5 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume as be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I have select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name 17. Transporter 1 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Signature 18. Transporter 2 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and Month Day Ye. Date Date
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I he select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name 17. Transporter 1 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Printed/Typed Name 18. Transporter 2 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Printed/Typed Name Signature Signature	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal	by high f waste (currently	way according to generated to the available to me	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and Month Day Ye. Date Date
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I he select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name 17. Transporter 1 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Printed/Typed Name 18. Transporter 2 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Printed/Typed Name Signature Signature	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal lave made a	by high f waste (currently good fair	way according to generated to the exavailable to me the effort to minimi	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and Month Day Yea Date Month Day Yea Date Month Day Yea Date Month Day Yea Date
Emergency Contact: Matt Bowman at (713) 826-1329 16. GENERATOR'S CERTIFICATION: I hereby declare that the contents of this consignment are fully classified, packaged, marked, and labelled/placarded, and are in all respects in proper condition national government regulations, including applicable state regulations. If I am a large quantity generator, I certify that I have a program in place to reduce the volume a be economically practicable and that I have selected the practicable method of treatment, storage and future threat to human health and the environment; OR, if I am a small quantity generator, I he select the best waste management method that is available to me and that I can afford. Printed/Typed Name 17. Transporter 1 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Printed/Typed Name 18. Transporter 2 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Materials Printed/Typed Name Signature 19. Discrepancy Indication Space	for transport and toxicity of , or disposal lave made a	by high f waste (currently good fair	way according to generated to the exavailable to me the effort to minimi	applicable degree I h which min ze my was	ave determined to imizes the present ste generation and Month Day Yea Date Month Day Yea Date

(Uniform Domestic Straight Bill of Lading. Adopted by Carriers in Official Southern, Western and Illinois Classification Territories, March 15, 1922, as amended August 1, 1930, and June 15, 4941) Form 150 Revised 7/79 **BILL OF LADING** STRAIGHT BILL OF LADING - ORIGINAL - NOT NEGOTIABLE Subject to Section 7 of conditions, of applicable bill of lading, if this RECEIVED, subject to the classification and lawfully filed tariffs in effect on the date of issue of this Original Bill of Lading. shipment is to be delivered to the The property described below, in apparent good order, except as noted (contents and condition of contents of packages unknown), marked, consigned and destined as indicated below, which said carrier (the word carrier being understood throughout this contract as meaning any person or corporation in possession of the property under the contract) agrees to carry to its usual place of delivery at said destination if on its route, otherwise to deliver to another carrier on the route to said destination. It is mutually agreed as to each carrier of all or any for said property order all or any portion of said route to destination and as to each party at any time interested in all or any of said property that every service to be performed hereunder shall be subject to all the terms and conditions of the Uniform Domestic consignee without recourse on the consignor, the consignor shall sign the following statement. Straight Bill of Lading set forth (1) in Uniform Freight Classification in effect on the date hereof, if this is a rail or a rail water shipment or (2) in the applicable motor carrier classification or tariff if this is a The carrier shall not make delivery of this shipment without motor carrier shipment.

Shipper hereby certifies that he is familiar with all the terms and conditions of the said bill of lading including those on the back thereof, set forth in the classification or tariff which governs the transportation of this shipment, and the said terms and conditions are hereby agreed to by the shipper and accepted for himself and his assigns. payment of freight and all other lawful charges. FROM ABB -12-03 AT: CONSIGNED TO Signature of consignor DESTINATION If charges are to be prepaid, write or stamp here. "To be Prepaid." CARRIER COMPAN' VEHICLE WILL CALL WAYBILL NUMBER To Be Prepaid nullonmenta Rec'd \$ to DESCRIPTION WEIGHT Rate No. Pkg. DESCRIPTION Rate No. Pkg. apply in prepayment of the charges on the property described hereon. HEAD CASING CONTROL HANGER, CSG INCLUDING XMAS TREES HANGER, TBG HEADS, CASING, NOI Agent of Cashier HEADS, TUBING, NOI XMAS TREE, SINGLE XMAS TREE, DUAL VALVES, IOS (The signature here acknowledges NUTS AND BOLTS, IOS BONNET, TBG only the amount prepaid.) SPOOL, CSG Charges advanced REMIT BILL OF LADING FOR PAYMENT Red, Carries Shipper, Pe 7911 King Street, Anchorage, AK 99518 (907) 522-3940 "If intrastate consignment, they the provisions hereof shall be subject to the laws of California, Louislana, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming; all provisions not expressly restricted by such laws shall be applicable to this shipment." 4708 New Horizon, Bakersfield, CA 93313 (805) 396-0361 DIS AS'Y ASS'Y 1249 Evangeline Thruway, Broussard, LA (318) 235-1717 OF DATE RTN TRF SALE DISTRIBUTION POINT 1313 MacArthur Avenue, Harvey, LA 77058 (504) 340-7151 7300 FM 2818 North, Ste. 800, Bryan, TX 77807 S 642A Flato Road, Corpus Christi, TX 78405 (512) 289-0933 2585 West I-20, Odessa, TX 79766 (915) 580-6602 2116 Anthony Drive, Tyler, TX 75701 (903) 561-2558 Sunset Ind. Park, 109 A Pasture Rd, Evanston, WY 82930 (307) 789-4220 0 ORDERED BY F.O.B. Mfg. Plant SHIPPED BY OUR ORDER NUMBER IND. S.O. NUMBER



4904 Griggs Road Houston TX 77021 Tel. (713) 676-1460 Fax. (713) 676-1460

Waste Pre-Acceptance/Approval Letter

Date 8/31/2007

Dear Ray Seidl

Thank you for choosing CES Environmental Services, Inc. for you waste disposal and/or recycling needs. The following waste stream has been approved at our facility in Houston, TX. If the waste received does not conform to the profile, then rejection or additional charges may apply.

CES Profile # 2316

Generator: Vetco Gray-Bryan

Address: 2870 North Harvey Mitchell

Bryan, TX 77808

Waste Information

Name of Waste: RCRA empty containers

TCEQ Waste Code #: 00033082

Container Type:

Detailed Description of Process Generating Waste:

RCRA empty containers last containing oil, grease, and other products.

Color: dark

Odor: na

pH: na

Physical State:

Incompatibilities: none

Safety Related Data/Special Handling:

standard

If you have any questions concerning this approval and/or the conditions, then please feel free to contact our office at (713) 676-1460.

Thank you,

Matt Bowman, President CES Environmental Services, Inc.

ENCLOSURE 3 GENERAL NOTICE LETTER REGARDING CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.- HOUSTON HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

ENTITIES TO WHICH THIS GENERAL NOTICE WILL BE MAILED

The Lubrizol Corporation

Advanced Aromatics, L.P.

AMTEX Machine Products, Inc.

Andergauge Drilling Systems

Arkema Inc.

Ball Corporation

Canrig Drilling Technology Ltd.

Century Asphalt (Humble) d/b/a for Baytown Asphalt Materials, Ltd.

Champion Technologies (Merged into Nalco Company)

Citgo Petroleum Corporation (Citgo Refinery)

Cross Oil & Refining & Marketing, Inc..

Dover Corporation - Cook Compression (C Lee Cook)

Evalca Company of America

KMCO, Inc. (new name is Ramsey Properties, L.P.)

PGI International. LTD (merged into Parker-Hannifin Corporation)

Philip Reclamation Services Houston, LLC

Plaquemine Point Shipyard, Sunshine, LA

PPG Industries, Inc.

Praxair, Inc.

Proler Southwest

Quest Chemical Corporation

RasGas in Qatar @ KMTEX

Sierra Chemical Corporation

Skyhawk Chemicals, Inc.

Smithfield BioEnergy, LLC

Sun Coast Resources, Inc.

- T. T. Barge Mile (Barge Mile 183, 237)
- T. T. Barge Cleaning Mile 183, Inc. (d/b/a T.T. Barge [Mile 183])
- T. T. Barges Services Mile 237 LLC (d/b/a T T Barge Mile [Barge Mile 237])

T.T. Barge (Mile 237)

T3 Energy Services-Cypress

Taber Extrusions

Targa Midstream Services LP

Tenaris Coiled Tube, LLC (Beitway 8) a-k-a Precision Tube

Texas Oil Tools, NOV (Conroe)

Texas Water Management
Total Petrochemicals, Inc. - Port Arthur
Transmontainge Product Service
Valero Refining-Texas, L.P. (d/b/a Valero Refining Co of Texas)
ZaCh System Corporation (Ampac)

ENCLOSURE 4 GENERAL NOTICE LETTER REGARDING CES ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.- HOUSTON HOUSTON, HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES FACT SHEET



Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

INFORMATION SHEET

U. S. EPA Small Business Resources

If you own a small business, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers a variety of compliance assistance resources such as workshops, training sessions, hotlines websites, and guides to assist you in complying with federal and state environmental laws. These resources can help you understand your environmental obligations, improve compliance, and find cost-effective ways to comply through the use of pollution prevention and other innovative technologies.

Compliance Assistance Centers

(www.assistancecenters.net)

In partnership with industry, universities, and other federal and state agencies, EPA has established Compliance Assistance Centers that provide information targeted to industries with many small businesses.

Agriculture (www.epa.gov/agriculture or 1-888-663-2155)

Automotive Recycling Industry (www.ecarcenter.org)

Automotive Service and Repair (vww.ccar-greenlink.org or 1-888-GRN-LINK)

Chemical Industry (www.chemalliance.org)

Construction Industry (www.cicacenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Education (www.campuserc.org)

Healthcare Industry (www.hercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Metal Finishing (www.nmfrc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Paints and Coatings (www.paintcenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printed Wiring Board Manufacturing (www.pworc.org or 1-734-995-4911)

Printing
(www.pneac.org or 1-888-USPNEAC)

Transportation industry (www.transource.org)

Tribal Governments and Indian Country (www.epa.gov/tribal/compliance or 202–564-2516)

US Border Environmental Issues (www.bordercenter.org or 1-734-995-4911)

The Centers also provide State Resource Locators (www.envcap.org/statetools/index.cfm) for a wide range of topics to help you find important environmental compliance information specific to your state;

EPA Websites

EPA has several internet sites that provide useful compliance assistance information and materials for small businesses. If you don't have access to the internet at your business, many public libraries provide access to the internet at minimal or no cost.

EPA's Home Page www.epa.gov

Small Business Gateway www.epa.gov/smallbusiness

Compliance Assistance Home Page www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance www.epa.gov/compliance

Voluntary Partnership Programs www.epa.gov/partners

Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance: http://www.epa.gov/compliance



Hotlines, Helplines & Clearinghouses

(www.epa.gov/epahome/hotline.htm)

EPA sponsors many free hotlines and clearinghouses that provide convenient assistance regarding environmental requirements. A few examples are listed below:

Clean Air Technology Center (www.epa.gov/th/cate or 1-919-541-0800)

Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (www.epa.gov/superfund/resources/infocenter/epcra.htm-or 1-800-424-9346)

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman Hotline provides regulatory and technical assistance information. (www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

The National Environmental Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse provides quick access to compliance assistance tools, contacts, and planned activities from the U.S. EPA, states, and other compliance assistance providers (www.epa.gov/clearinghouse)

National Response Center to report oil and hazardous substance spills. (www.nrc.uscg.mil or 1-800-424-8802)

Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (www.eps.gov/opplintr/ppic or 1-202-566-0799)

Sale Drinking Water Hotline (vww.epa.gov/salewater/hotline/index.html or 1-800-426-4791)

Stratospheric Ozone Refrigerants Information (www.epa.gov/ozone or 1-800-296-1996)

Toxics Assistance information Service also includes asbestos inquiries, (1-202-554-1404)

Wetlands Helpline (www.epa.gov/owow/wellands/welline.html or 1-800-832-7828)

State Agencies

Many state agencies have established compliance assistance programs that provide on-site and other types of assistance. Contact your local state environmental agency for more information or the following two resources:

EPA's Small Business Ombudsman (www.epa.gov/sbo or 1-800-368-5888)

Small Business Environmental Homepage (www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org or 1-724-452-4722)

Compliance Incentives

EPA provides incentives for environmental compliance. By participating in compliance assistance programs or voluntarily disclosing and promptly correcting violations before an enforcement action has been initiated.

businesses may be eligible for penalty waivers or reductions. EPA has two policies that potentially apply to small businesses:

The Small Business Compliance Policy (www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/smallbusiness)

Audit Policy (www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/auditing)

Commenting on Federal Enforcement Actions and Compliance Activities

The Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA) established an SBA Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards to receive comments from small businesses about federal agency enforcement actions. If you believe that you fall within the Small Business Administration's definition of a small business (based on your North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) designation, number of employees, or annual receipts, defined at 13 C.F.R. 121.201; in most cases, this means a business with 500 or fewer employees), and wish to comment on federal enforcement and compliance activities, call the SBREFA Ombudsman's toll-free number at 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

Every small business that is the subject of an enforcement or compliance action is entitled to comment on the Agency's actions without fear of retaliation. EPA employees are prohibited from using enforcement or any other means of retaliation against any member of the regulated community in response to comments made under SBREFA.

Your Duty to Comply

If you receive compliance assistance or submit comments to the SBREFA Ombudsman or Regional Fairness Boards. you still have the duty to comply with the law, including providing timely responses to EPA information requests. administrative or civil complaints, other enforcement actions or communications. The assistance information and comment processes do not give you any new rights or defenses in any enforcement action. These processes also do not affect EPA's obligation to protect public health or the environment under any of the environmental statutes it enforces, including the right to take emergency remedial or emergency response actions when appropriate. Those decisions will be based on the facts in each situation. The SBREFA Ombudsman and Fairness Boards do not participate in resolving EPA's enforcement actions. Also, remember that to preserve your rights, you need to comply with all rules governing the enforcement process.

EPA is disseminating this information to you without making a determination that your business or organization is a small business as defined by Section 222 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act or related provisions.